M. M. MURDOCK, Editor.

GO FOR THE TRUSTS.

Secretary Cortelyon of the new department beef combine or meat trust. Following up

should be made against trusts and combines of every character that are maintained in restraint of trade and for the destruction of competition. Congressman Lilley of Connecticut has introduced a resolution calling for an investigation of this trust by the department of commerce and labor. He seeks light upon notorious facts, for he inquires whether the present high price of white paper | New York Sun writer: is not due to a combination in restraint of trade; a conof America knows that the International Paper company is one of the worst of trusts, in spirit and effect. It taxes medium of instruction and intelligence. It is arrogant about 400,000 years of persistent puffing, night and day. and intelerant of competition.

HARSH RULE AND SAVAGE REVOLT.

Germany has four colonial dependencies in Africa, and of these the second in size but the pocrest and least populous is German Southwest Africa. It is there that German troops are having a hard time in crushing a re- habitually use tobacco in that form. volt of savage natives who have been guilty of many bestial atrocities since they rose against their rulers,

which is the boundary of Cape Colony, and south of the Portuguese possessions on the Atlantic coast of Africa, is German territory, in the sense that other European powers have so agreed with its German masters. But many of the natives have no clear idea that they are approximates \$500,000,000.

THE GOVERNMENT GUESSING BUREAU.

The weather bureau is an official guess shop. For any quarter of the country, as a whole, a fair per cent of its prognostications prove to be in a general way correct. eastern movement, but as to their rate of speed, and However, the observers get on to some things. Four convinced the experts in control of that interesting divis- tures. ion of the agricultural department that old Californians were wrong in believing that hot, sultry weather is "earthquake weather." It appears quite certain that the meteorological conditions above ground do not have any connection with earthquakes.

OUR PACIFIC TRADE EXPANDING.

Hawaii may be a little short on money for running ex. penses but her trade is nevertheless of growing importgace to Uncle Sam. Our shipments of domestic merchandisc to Hawali in the seven months ending with January, 1904, were \$7,224,156, against \$6,214,904 in the corre sponding months of the proceding year. To Alaska the total shipments of domestic merchandise aggregatea \$3,804,451, against \$3,095,193 in the same months of the preceding year. To the Philippine Islands the total for the seven months chilling with January, 1904, was \$2,858 786, against \$2,268,858 to the corresponding months of the preceding year. To Porto Rico the shipments show a trifling decrease, those of domestic merchandise being \$6,454,417, agminst \$7,679,749 in the corresponding months of the proceeding year. Turning to the shipments into the United States from the territories in question, Alaska shows for seven months ending with January, 1904, domestic merchandise valued at \$9,346,415, against \$9,895,-536 in the corresponding months of the previous year. and of gold of domestic production \$5,112,645, and of gold of foreign production \$5,278,522. From Hawali the merchandise of domestic production received was \$9,749,940. against \$7,677,158 in the corresponding months of the preceding year. From Porto Rico the domestic merchandise received was \$3,259,982 in value, against \$3,946,749 in the corresponding months of the preceding year. From the Philippines the receipts of merchandise were \$7.784, 073 in value, against \$6,535,290 in the corresponding months of the previous year,

INTERESTING STATISTICAL FACTS.

The total value of the exports from the United States to Europe in 1903 was \$1,029,256,000; fo North America. arrived in Hi Time at Chefu. \$215,483,000; to South America, \$11,138,000; to Asia, \$58, 359,000; to Oceanica, \$37,468,000; and to Africa, \$38,437, the exports have grown from \$522,000,000 to \$1,420,000,000 | weight. including domestic products and foreign merchandise reufactures are, however, gaining rapidly upon agricultural all around the most lovable women in the world. products in the share which they form of the total experts. In 1880 agricultural products formed 83 per cent and tures over 25 per cent of the total. The value of domestic never was a Democrat to hart. manufactures exported and never reached so much as \$100,000,000 prior to 1876, and in 1806 for the first time ing above \$400,000,000 constantly since that since with a 'the face of the earth. prespect that the total exports of manufactures for the fiscal year 1904 will exceed in value those of any previous

. THAT BIG TOBACCO TRUST.

The trusts are not only monopoliting the necessities, but the hauries and the non-essentials of life. If "combine" control could be confined to the things that are inxuries or really unnecessary it might be brooked as Tobacco companies, hold last work in Jersey City, made pillars. very evident the great prosperity of at least one group or industrial corporations of the class concrally called trusts It was demonstrated that the profits of the business of lously awaiting the arrival of Kuropatkin, as he fears supplying the American people with smoking and chew. General Ma has moved his headquarters from Shan Mai ing tobacco were in no wise affected by a reaction in gen Kwan to join General Mishiehinko's corps. eral trade and industry.

The Consolidated Tobacco company reported net care ings upward of \$16,350,000, and the balance for its stock lion, it is high time that it was pempadeuring its wool after providing for interest on its bonds, was more than up into some resemblance of bristles.

\$2,000,000 in excess of the figures for the previous year. its surplus was nearly \$11,000,000 greater at the end of the year than it was at the beginning of 1903.

The Continental Tobacco company, a much smaller concern, increased its surplus by about \$1,520,000, besides of commerce is preparing to go after the paying large dividends on both preferred and common stock. And the American company, the least of the three in size, also had a good year in 1903. Its net earnings the supreme court's finding in the northern | were \$1,200,000 greater than they were in 1902, and almerger case, a general movement upon the part of con- though the dividend on its common stock was increased gress and state legislatures and prosecuting attorneys by the handsome sum of \$1,090,000, the company was States deputy murchal." able to add over a million to its surplus, which is now more than \$8,200,000.

ALL ABOUT OUR INDIAN WEED.

The old couplet that "Tobacco is an Indian weed; 'twas the devil that sowed the seed," it seems, contained as much of truth as of rhyme. Here are some facts fig ured out from the tobacco statistics of this country by

If our annual output of domestic cigars were to be spiracy to prevent competition. All the paper-using world made into one long cigar of the usual diameter, there would be produced a "weed" that would go eighteen times around the world at the equator,

If to one man there were assigned the task of smoking every reader of books and papers. It hampers a great this affair, his butt would be thrown away only after

Only by a division of the labor is it at all possible for us to consume the 7,000,000,000 cigars annually manu factured in the United States.

Our cigarette crop would make a single cigarette 139,000 miles in length. If ten eighrettes be taken as the average daily consumption of each cigarette smoker in the country, it is evident that some \$00,000 Americans

We smoke and chew about 140,000 tons of tobacco a year and about 7,500 nounds of snuff is disposed of either by the nose or by "dipping." In the north one rarely sees when he brawled, she should hold still in the indulgence in rappee and maccaboy, but in the south her mouth, and that totles quoties, as The large region lying north of the Orange river the indulgence in rappee and maccaboy, but in the south and southwest the box and the "brush" are yet the constant companion of thousands, young and old, white and black, male and female,

The field value of our annual tobacco crop is about \$80,000,000. Its value in its various manufactured forms

This is a big lump of a bill, but what a vast amount of

comfort and satisfaction it represents!

ONE CITY'S LOSSES IN STRIKES.

The cost of a year's strikes in a great city can only be approximated. Careful computations of the actual losses in wages in New York City, growing out of labor troubles and strikes in the year 1903, show that they But for any given locality as a rule it is hit and miss. aggregated \$6,754,751. This report is from the state Highs and lows are erratic not only as to their general | board of mediation and arbitration. Of indirect losses no one can give an accurate aggregate. Real estate men and in the open. A good target is half the winds are uncertain in direction, speed and temperature, contractors have computed the actual loss to New York City, because of building trades strikes and lockouts, at To the Piker Editor: more than \$30,000,000 for 1903, that amount representing years of careful observations by the weather bureau have frightened capital withdrawn from outlay in new struc-

AN INTERLUDE.

Yesterday, dear, the skies were gray, Ah, but why speak of yesterday-Grav will the morrow be again, Ah, why think of the morrow's pain?

Just for today the skies are fair, Just today may I laugh and dare Hold you close to my raptured breast, Just for today are joy and jest.

Love of mine, though the slow years spread Winding sheets for our gladness dead-The silence may not seem so long That bears remembrance of a song! -Charlotte Becker.

Grover C., dispatches say, returned yesterday from a two-days shoot with twenty ducks. Grover may be a fair fisherman, but his shooting from a blind is hardly worth exploiting. Only last week a man by the common name of Jones, in this county, killed at a single discharge of of Jones, in this county, killed at a single discharge of program at Hennessay Wednesday night one barrel of an old muzzle loader, three ducks more than. There proved to be nothing in the name. Grover killed during his entire outing. In the Arkansas valley a big day's shoot for one man from a blind is from seventy-five to a hundred.

Our esteemed Topeka contemporary is assured that there is nothing in the way of a town or city in Kansas lines. of which Wichita is envious or jealous. But Wichita just hates that fast mail robber, pig-docker and grain-grafter located at the mouth of the Kaw, now seeking to heen decided in favor of the city. The have congress make good her losses resulting from a big court held that the vacating of the streets

What has become of Kuropatkin, the great warlordsky and hurralisky who was all so fastsky going to Tigeroff and smash Japansky? He had better keep fils eyes skinned, for our dispatches announce that three Chinese ernisers, the Hi Ting, the Hi Chew and the Hi Chi, have
Mo., had his foot cut off near End. on
the Rock island, Sunday. He was attempting to board a moving train.

359,000; to Oceanica, \$37,468,000; and to Africa, \$38,437.

This fall's race between the G. O. P. elephant and the voted to employ a superintendent to fa 600. Considering the exports by countries, the largest Demo. donkey doesn't promise much for winning or excellent the work. The location for the This fall's race between the G. O. P. elephant and the total is to the United Kinedom, \$524,262,000; the next citement. Teldy will jockey the pace of his mount with new well has been determined at 200 loc largest to Germany, \$155,842,000; and to Canada, \$123. grace. Who the rider of the survivor of Balanm's steed 267,000. Comparing conditions in 1903 with those of 1873 is to be has not been decided, but probably some light

exported. Agricultural products of course still form the Sir Edwin Arnold, the author of "The Light of Asia," largest group of exports, amounting to \$873,000,000 in who died at his London home on Thursday, resided in have decided to go after the Democratic congressional nomination. This is Bill Cross and Edgar Jones opportunity to amount to \$407,000,000, or 28 per cent of the total. Man- writings that the women of Japan are the gentlest and

In 1880 agricultural products formed 83 per cent and Hearst keeps right along picking up states and delement for the stock of the stock of the stock of the stock.

Hearst keeps right along picking up states and delement for the stock of the stock of the stock. domestic products, while in 1803, as already indicated, the country have our sympathy. Hearst isn't more than agricultural products formed 63 per cent and manufac half as much of a real Democrat as Bryan, and Bryan

The Dawes commission notwithstending Stanley's rescrossed the \$200,000,000 line. Since 1836, however the ignation, goes right on civilizing the tribes and looking An ice plant has been put on at Garber growth has been rapid, the total exceeding \$100,000,000 out for soft snaps. They have the average white man's on selecting principles. It will held two growth has been rapid, the total exceeding \$100,000,000 out for soft snaps. They have the average white man's in 1899, passing the \$400,030,000 line in 1900, and remain. Idea of civilizing the Indian and that is to civilize him off

> A good many editorial paragraphs are being written A good many editorial paragraphs are being written on the theory that Admiral Dewey is to get the whole to Emulate Madrid, Spain, and its bidle of that \$829,722 prize money for the Spanish ships sunk fights. The Oklahoman says: "Prof. in Manila hav. As a matter of fact his share will be one. in Manila bay. As a matter of fact his share will be onefortieth-\$20,743.33.

A cartoon in the Cleveland Leader depicts "Homicide" Tillman, bristling with weapons, entering the halls of con discouraging the furtful and non-casential. The annual grees, while other members of that body find security bemeetings of the Consolidated, Continental and American hind-ermor plate, drmor, shields and visors, or convenient

General Pflug dispatches from Mukden that he is anx-

March came in like a lamb. If it is going out like a

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1864, ONE RUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY:-Congress po recting Louisiana into the territory of Orleans and the district of Louisiana. Th ision line was the southern boundary of Mississippi territory and the thirtythird degree of latitude.

IN 1857, FORTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO TODAY:-Secretary Woodson protested to General Smith against the withdrawal of troops from Lecompton. whits for the arrest of notorious outlaws are now in the hands of the United

IN 1874, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY:-Derby, Sedgwick county, then called El Paso, was a junction of stages of the Southwestern Stage company. A daily stage ran from there to Wiehlta, a tri-weekly from there to Fort Sill, a tri-weekly to Weilington, a daily via Winfield to Arkansas City.

IN 1884, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY:-Judge D. J. Brewer, of the supreme bench of the state, was appointed by the president, United States circuit judge of the Eighth judicial district.

IN 1894, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY:-Ed Hoch, of Marion, was in Wichita to hear Bishop Mailallen lecture. He was interviewed on his candidacy for governor and denied that prohibition and woman suffrage would figure in the platform.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"The wind and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators."-Gibbon

It is generally conceded among subscribers that the "Independent" Telephone company of this city is living up
to its name.

--[o]...|o]LADIES, HERE YOU ARE.

The Ingersoll Review editor has adopted another. He says:

A certain man in Ingersoll said to a certain woman the other day: "I would like to have a lock of your hired girl's hair." The ledy answered: "That is

LADIES, HERE YOU ARE.

Dr. Burton gives the following receipt for domestic felicity: "An honest woman, I cannot tell where she dwelt, but by report an honest woman she was. Hearon one of her gossips, by chance, com-lain of her husband's impatience, told to her an excellent remedy for it nod often as he chid; she did so two or three times with good success, and at length sceing her neighbor, gave her great flanks for it and would peeds know the agredients. She told her in brief what it was (fair water), and no more; for it was not the water but her silence which performed the cure.'

LATEST BOY STORY.

Atchison Globe: A man had a tooth-che, whereupon his little son said: iche, whereupon his little son Papa, I know what will cure you. your mosth with water and sit on the stove until the water boils." Cl. . !- [. . [)

The paying of Ninth street out to the cemetery is being agitated. It will save the undertakers several buggy washing bills a month.

The Pikers are impatient for the time o arrive when the dog catcher gots out

Dear Sir: I neglected to register.
Now, as I cannot vote, will it not be permitted me to pair with some Democrat
who failed to register and thus pressure
my patriotism? PRO PATRIA. -2: +2+ +2+

MANY MEN, MANY MINDS. The following kindly words are quoted

from our neighborly friend, the Ronfrow givenue, or just freight rates for Wichita? (O. T.), Tribune:

The Wichita Eagle still runs the sickly CAUTION. rot called the "Pikers' Lament." The try the hands-toke as more suited to his capacity than the job of amusing an in-telligent public. The stuff produced is about as funny as the selflequies of a

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

men with a heavy jag.

P. S.-I registered today. Now, let us have peace-for awhile KANSAS GURRENTS

ndalized again. A "reverend gentle

The naughty lecture at Washburn Col-

George Etair, of Mulvane, planted

Anthony parties are working on a new railroad, to which no name is given. Neither is it stated where it begins, onds

The old maids of Conway Springs have organized a H. U. G. club. The periods are inserted just to make the HUG of

A mad-dog doesn't create much of a

The bankers of southwest Kanaus met it Great Bend Thursday. It was a social

Morton Albough, in his paper, the King-

The small boy and match is a com-

Mr. Meisenheimer, of Ningman county,

The newsympers are sailly neglecting the

rwest girl straduate this spring. So far, only the fashion places have no-

A Mirsouri Paulike freight engine started a prairie fire a mile west of Scott Ciff-Wednesday, and four farmers less their

The Scott City News is down with the

counter; that he to say, the "typo" of

Sharen docume depend on the mule al-together James Hoffshor, of that howed was kicked on the Rose Monday by air

El Derado Republicano Most slways

imprene that way. While eating our fra-gil repait of over bread-fact-and but-termick, and while the platter was being

the family were wendering where the pest meal's victuals was forming from one of the girls, on looking out of it window, shouted: There is comes

And sure enough Jodgs A. L. L. Ham-from came knecking at the door with three wild ducks—three log, fat ducks

can only chase up a sheep-scere! ple and come spring growherries, we will manage to pull through to grass.

John Griffith, the tragedism, lectured t

the High school students at Wellington

to go to the legislature, but he's

was speaking of Bristow's report.

Eller's felt boots.

Prof. Penny's nerve.

Her hatchet still is feared.

Jerre Johnson, of the Oklahema New-kirk News-Republican, advises that it

Hearst is elected president a good cabinet would be as follows: Secretary of state. "Happy Hooligan;" war, "Alphonzo;

pa;" agriculture, "Mrs. Katzenjammer; interior, "Hath-House John," etc.

Sedgwick county Demograts are for Hearst, but not in the 16 to 1 ratio.

Hearst's nomination will prove not only

It is only in a Pickwickian sense that

the power of the press, but the power of the yellow press.

Democrats who vote for Hearst would

Don't you believe, entre nous, that the nine-cent dinner partaken of by the Queen last Thursday was just a triffe better than the average for that estab-

lishment for the poor where she dined? No doubt the commissariat had a tip

that the visit would take place.

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There is a table in this town which doesn't literally grean with good things.

day in and day out. Wednesday night there was company and the supper was indeed subscantial. Two young men had

been invited in by the girls.
"Geutlemen," remarked the cyale at
the distributing paint of the table, "I
wish you would come eftener. This is the

inest supper I have tasted for an age."

anditorium, the construction of a Dong his avenue bridge, the paving of Topolo

Here's a subject for a bet; Which will

Pandorn with her trouble bex Has long since disappeared; But Carrie's near, so hide the beer,

accomplished first, the building of an

navy, "Gaston;" treasury, pa;" agriculture, "Mrs. K.

vote for a yellow dog.

"Oh, Thou omniscient, omni reports that the organization has just El Dorado colored brother the other been perfected. Reports from Grand rivat night. these from the war centers in the far Washburn College, of Topeka, has been

man" spoke at chapel Thursday, taking as his text. "Opportunity is like a young woman-must be embraced to be en-Now, that Okinhoma City is a military town, with swell functions in prospect, the Times-Journal should cut out that

The Floshilgh, Dramatic club gave :

Littlerole, Day county, had a mad-deg scars last week. So Blackwell can see that there are others.

large number of maple trees two years age with the avowed purpose of giving them to his hence people for shade trees The old telephone switchboard at Ton-kawa is being put in at Naidin. Ton-kawa's new one has a capacity of 200 He is fulfilling his purpose this spring. One firm at Wellington has bought six thousand pairs of pants for the sension. No, this is no barometer of the woman suffragist movement, but is simply a stock of overalls at 50 cents a pair, for

A case of a milling company against field workers. While Ed Hoch is enjoying banquete and receptions given by his friends the Burns Citizen wonders how Governor and alleys does not give the railroad the right to close them, but simply the use Bulley is passing the time. In with a farm in his mind's eye.

One El Reno girl claims to have had loo offers of marriage. It is hoped leap year is giving her a rest.

Bert Goins, a young man of Princeton.

The gas well people of Blackwell have stir of Clearwater, Lest week, Ira Ult's hound got rabid, but found his Waterloo when he went up against Mr.

An Rem in the Blackwell News calls one of the City's merchants "that hald-headed old man." The item is an adver-

Roy Hoffman, Isonberg and Nibback get out gracefully from under the whesis of the band wagon.

bination that is again proving this spring more discorrous to "the people" than the Northern Security merger. The Woodward Water and Mining com-

Gage will incorporate. It is the third town in Woodward county to undertake municipal government. The Republicans of Blains county will

car louds of ice. Walter Damresch's orchestra. Parsiful" music, is billed for Ok-

plays "Parsife inhoma City.

subdoe a man-cating mule known as Jack-the-Hipper,' on Sunday afternoon. It is said that this mule has never been successfully handled by any man, and has killed three then. The male was hitched up five years are and played such have with things that the aware Mr Mohr, has never made a second at-tempt to drive the animal in harmon. From the owner's description of the mulsty battle between mine and beast beed. Prof. Gleason well endeavor to the animal and drive it. Mr. Mobile sure that the mule will fight anyone that All this is suggestive of another postponematic of the final start the hill to the poor bosse." Now.

The Alva Pieneer still runs the mass. of Francis Cockrell at the head of the Democratic ticket. This won't project any Democrat getting the Heatst habit on it is feared, however,

An elevator at Lucien has been finished and is now ready for business.

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